

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and replace them with newly presented Claims 12-23 as follows.

*Int'l A/*  
12. A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin.

13. The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the skin contacting article is a sanitary article applied to the skin and comprises a surface material for directly contacting the skin, the surface material including the base layer having the natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered thereto.

14. The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the skin contacting article is a make-up tool for applying make-up.

15. The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder has an average particle size of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

16. The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder has an average particle size of less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

*Int'l C/*  
17. A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment including the natural organic impalpable powder, the treatment consisting of the natural organic impalpable powder and at least one

dispersion medium selected from the group consisting of water, an organic solvent, a resin emulsion and a resin aqueous solution.

18. The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the content ratio of the natural organic impalpable powder in the treatment is from 0.5 to 50 wt.%.

19. The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the dispersion medium is either the resin emulsion or the resin aqueous solution and the solid resin content in the treatment is 0.5 to 20 wt.%.

20. The skin contacting article according to Claim 19, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder is firmly adhered to the base layer through the resin.

21. A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment including the natural organic impalpable powder having an average particle size of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and either a resin emulsion or a resin aqueous emulsion for dispersing the natural organic impalpable powder, the content ratio of the natural organic impalpable powder in the treatment being from 0.5 to 50 wt.% and the solid resin content in the treatment being from 0.5 to 20 wt.%.

22. The skin contacting article according to Claim 21, wherein the skin contacting article is a sanitary article applied to the skin and comprises a surface material for directly contacting the skin, the surface material including